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1. SUMMARY: ON OCT 1 EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED ISSUES IN REF WITH STAFF OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO. PEREZ GUERRERO IS ABROAD BUT IS EXPECTED TO RETURN THIS WEEKEND. GOV VIEWS APPEAR TO OFFER NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS ON THE PROCEDURAL FORM. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES FOLLOW: END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN: GOV OFFICIALS REACTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE SUGGESTION OF A ROTATING CHAIRMAN SELECTED BY EACH SIDE FROM AMONGST PARTICIPANTS. THEY THOUGHT THAT PEREZ GUERRERO WOULD AGREE THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, AND THAT IT WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE GENEVA CAUCUS NOTION OF AN IMPARTIAL CHAIRMAN. THEY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MORE DETAILS REGARDING THE ROTATION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

3. SECRETARIAT: THEY AGREED FULLY WITH THE US PREFERENCE FOR A SMALL, HIGHLY TECHNICAL BODY WITH LIMITED HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTIONS.

4. SITES FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS: THE GOV HAS NO POSITION, BUT ONE OFFICIAL EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT A SINGLE SITE FOR MEETINGS OF ALL FOUR COMMISSIONS WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE WORK AND THAT PARIS WOULD BE CONVENIENT. THIS VIEW APPEARED TO BE CLOSELY RELATED TO THE GOV'S INSISTENCE ON SOME DEGREE OF LINKAGE AND UNIFORMITY AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS.

5. OBSERVERS AT COMMISSIONS: GOV BELIEVES THAT ALL 27 PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO SIT IN ON MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS THEY DO NOT ATTEND AS MEMBERS, BUT WITHOUT RIGHT TO SPEAK. POINTS OF VIEW OF SUCH OBSERVERS
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COULD BE EXPRESSED THRU COORDINATION OF LDC GROUP. GOV HAS NO OBJECTION TO IEA PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER IN ENERGY COMMISSION. GOV WILL INSIST THAT ALL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES BE OBSERVERS IN COMMISSIONS RELATING TO THEIR FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS, IN GOV VIEW, SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

6. AGENDA: GOV AGREES WITH US PREFERENCE FOR SHORT, NON-

CONTROVERSIAL AGENDA LIMITED, PERHAPS, TO CAPTIONS.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMISSIONS: GOV VIEW IS THAT THE "MECHANICS" FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE UNIFORM, INsofar AS POSSIBLE. THERE SHOULD BE CONFORMITY ON ORGANIZATION, AS OPPOSED TO SUBSTANCE WHICH WOULD NATURALLY VARY.

8. SITE OF MINISTERIAL: GOV REPS SAID THEY ASSUMED THE SITE WOULD BE PARIS, BUT THEY ARE FLEXIBLE ON THIS POINT.

9. THE GOV OFFICIALS WERE EMPHATIC IN ASSERTING THAT THE US AND THE EC SHOULD PARTICIPATE AS FULL MEMBERS IN EACH OF THE FOUR COMMISSINS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO ANY DECISIONS MADE.

10. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION DR EDUARDO SOTO, A MEMBER OF THE GOV DELEGATION TO THE UN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, CONTRASTED THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH HE ALSO ATTENDED. HE ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION TO GREATER RESTRAINT ON THE PART OF MOST NATIONS IN ADVANCING THEORETICAL CONCEPTS. THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, ACCORDING TO SOTO, DEALT TO A FAR GREATER EXTENT WITH PRACTICAL MATTERS WHICH ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO BROADER AGREEMENT. HE WAS EFFUSIVE ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND ITS IMPACT ON THE SESSION WHICH SHARPLY CONTRASTED WITH THE DISCUSSION WE HAD EARLIER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AND REPORTED IN CARACAS 9690.

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11. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PEREZ GUERRERO'S STAFF HAVE CAUTIONED EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY SPEAK FOR THE GOV IN INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THIS TYPE, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THEIR COMMENTS ARE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF PERZ GUERRERO'S VIEWS. PEREZ GUERRERO CALLS THE SHOTS FOR THE GOV ON THESE ISSUES.

12. THE EMBASSY WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SIMILARITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE US AND VENEZUELA ON VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE PROCEDURAL ISSUES DISCUSSED. AS USUAL, HOWEVER, VENEZUELA CAN BE EXPECTED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO WHATEVER CONSENSUS IS REACHED IN THE GROUP OF SEVEN. END COMMENT.
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